

Grenfell Support News

Independent Review drop-in sessions



A drop-in session with the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety is taking place on **Tuesday 17 April** from **3pm to 8pm** at **The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, North Kensington, London, W10 6TP**.

The Independent Review team would like to hear residents' opinions and ideas about the building regulations system, and how it could change to work better for residents. Some of the questions they are interested in are:

- What information do residents want about building safety? What is the best way for residents to be informed about building safety issues?
- How can it be ensured that residents' voices are listened to in discussions with landlords and TMOs on building safety?
- Do residents need a clearer route to raise safety concerns to someone independent?

After the Grenfell Tower tragedy and multiple other buildings failing safety tests on cladding, the Government decided that there should be an independent review of building regulations and fire safety. The Review will make recommendations to Government on changes to make sure that there is a strong system of building regulations for the future. It will also provide recommendations which will give assurance that people's homes are safe and will remain safe in the future. The Review will not consider what happened in the Grenfell Tower tragedy as this is a matter for the Public Inquiry, led by Sir Martin Moore-Bick. Do you want more information? You can read the Review's Interim report here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-building-regulations-and-fire-safety-interim-report

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Coming soon at The Curve

Felt making with Heather
Every Wednesday – 18 April–23 May, 10am–1pm

18 April: Basic flat felting and beads

25 April: Build a small 3D vessel

2 May & 9 May: Individual projects i.e. slippers, small bags, purses

16 May: Introduction to Nuno felting

23 May: Nuno felting continued

Priority will be given to North Kensington residents and those yet to attend one of our art for wellbeing courses at The Curve.

To book a place email flourish@acava.org and you will be sent a booking form to complete.

Pottery 6 June–11 July – watch this space for bookings and more information to come!

For adults with appointments and courses running at The Curve please book via email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Poetry and Dance classes across Kensington and Chelsea

Poetry and dance classes are taking place across the Borough.

Kamitan Arts will be bringing you these sessions after the Easter break and they are aimed at adults, children and young people. The classes aim to positively affect all those involved in the project through artistic healing, giving you a platform to observe and take part in expressing your feelings.

The sessions, taking place from **17 April until 10 July** will give the community voice an amplified platform and the opportunity to perform at the "One Year On for Grenfell Show".

If you are interested in taking part, please confirm as soon as possible via email at Ka.1@hotmail.co.uk or by visiting www.KamitanArts.com



Register to vote

With the Local Elections coming up on **Thursday 3 May** make sure you don't forget to register to vote.

Residents wanting to register to vote can visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact Electoral Services at **020 7361 3444** or email elect@rbkc.gov.uk.

Residents who would like to cast their vote via post, please contact our Electoral Services team on the same phone number and email and they will send you all the necessary documents.

The deadline to register to vote is **Tuesday 17 April 2018** and to apply for a postal vote is **Wednesday 18 April 2018**. If you want to appoint someone to vote at your polling station on your behalf, we must receive your application by **Wednesday 25 April 2018**.

If you have been affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy and need to re-register at a new address, please contact your Key Worker who will be able to provide you with all the necessary information on how to re-register.

If you are in temporary or new accommodation, you can also remain registered at your previous address which will allow you to vote in the ward you did previously.

For more details, please call **020 7361 3444**, email elect@rbkc.gov.uk, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/register-vote or join our Electoral Services team at **The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, North Kensington, London, W10 6TP** every **Wednesday** from **10am to 5pm**.

Volunteering - Don't be ordinary when you can be extraordinary

April is the month to go the extra mile and help your community. There are plenty of volunteering opportunities all around Kensington and Chelsea for you to get involved and give something back.

From Maternity Champions who are local volunteers trained to provide support and information for expectant and new parents through pregnancy, to K&C Ambassadors who provide a friendly presence for tourists, helping them navigate between popular landmarks in the Portobello and Goldborne area, there is an opportunity for everyone to get involved. For more information please visit www.voluntarywork.org.uk



Activities Programme at The Curve Community Centre

All our activities are FREE and open to all

Monday

- **10am-12.30pm** – ICT Functional Skills (accredited, please enrol by emailing thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk – starts 23 April)
- **5pm-7pm** – Homework Club ages 11-18 (drop in)
- **5.30pm-7.30pm** – Pre-ESOL English language classes



Tuesday

- **10am-3pm** – Fouzia's Sewing Club – drop-in sewing club for all where you can grow your skills and knit and natter.
- **9.30am-10.30am** – MEND mini – healthy lifestyles programme for families (drop in)
- **9.30am-12.30pm** – Job search workshops (drop in)
- **9.30am-11.30am and 12.25pm-2.30pm** – ESOL – English language classes – please book by emailing sakinah.touzani@westway.org
- **10.30am-12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss – if you are interested please book via email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk
- **5pm-6pm** – Children's Yoga – fun and relaxed session for kids aged five-11 (drop in)



The Crèche's opening hours are:

Monday and Tuesday:

10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm

Wednesday and Friday: **10am-5pm**

No crèche on Thursdays

The Crèche is for parents attending appointments or courses at the Curve. Other Curve users are also able to use the crèche space when attending an event or activities. To book, please email: Semira.Hassen@rbkc.gov.uk

Thursday

- **9.30am-3pm** – Early years activity
- **10.30am-12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss (if you are interested please book via email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)
- **1pm-3pm** – ICT skills and pre-employment support (drop in)
- **4pm-4.30pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (spaces limited, please book)
- **4pm-6pm** – Young artists (ages five-11). For keen young artists looking to learn and develop their skills.



Friday

- **9.30am-12.30pm** – Communication Class – building confidence and connections (drop in)
- **1pm-3pm** – Parent support (drop-in)
- **5.45pm-7pm** – Meditation and relaxation session



The Curve Community Centre opening hours are **10am to 8pm Monday to Friday** and **11am to 6pm** on weekends.

Some sessions need to be booked in advance to secure your place, so

email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the fire is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important Contacts

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk.

The helpline is open **Monday–Friday** from **9.30am–5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, until 8pm.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call our advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, please see your doctor or call NHS **111**.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

The Grenfell Muslim

Response Unit also offers additional support. Find out more by emailing info@gmru.co.uk

You can also get physical and mental support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **077 1223 1133**.

Hestia, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and the Drug and Alcohol Service are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road**, from **10pm to 8am**.

Pop in for a chat and support.

Housing update

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk



We have committed £235 million to finding new homes for residents and have now secured 307 properties for families. We invite households to choose which properties they want to view from all those available on our Home Connections website. Households currently living in temporary accommodation provided by the Council or our partners, also have the option to make these properties their permanent home if they wish. For those households living in hotels and who wish to move into a temporary home, we will help to find private rented accommodation. We will help with furniture, bedding, crockery and cutlery, white goods and utilities.



These numbers are accurate as of 12 April 2018



Care for Grenfell

The Care for Grenfell team helps anyone who has been affected by the Grenfell tragedy and offers a single point of access to all Council services and support.

This phone line is open from **8am to 8pm** and also provides an out-of-hours service which can be reached on the same number.

Call: **020 7745 6414** | Email: careforgrenfell@rbkc.gov.uk

How can we improve Grenfell Support newsletter?

The newsletter has taken on board feedback from residents to improve content and design. If you have any ideas for articles for this newsletter, email us on CommsTeam@rbkc.gov.uk

For regular updates please follow us | The newsletter is also available in Arabic and Farsi languages.

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